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"INSPIRED" JOURNALS

The two best written papers in the United States, in the opinion of journalists generally, are in the city of New York, and both of them are hopelessly committed to plutocracy. I refer to the Sun and the Evening Post. Of these papers it was once said by a wit, that "the citizens of New York, finding vice so attractive in the Sun in the morning, and virtue made so repellant in the Evening Post in the evening, there was nothing to do but take to one of Beadle's dime novels." Unfortunately, the literary merits of both papers are such that they are in demand in the editorial sanctums of every other daily paper in the country, and there is very little written in comment upon any serious, vital general topic, for any of the great dailies outside of New York, that is not based upon the opinion of one or the other of these New York dailies on that subject. The papers in "the provinces" may occasionally traverse the opinion expressed in the Sun or the Evening Post, but always the influence of the underlying thought in the editorial betrays the color of its origin in one or other of the two papers I have mentioned. Each of them is an organ of special interests with some academic exceptions. Their inspiration is found in Wall Street, and their attitude is always one of antagonism to any of the proposals for changes in the social or economic system of the country, that emanate from any quarter not approved either in the office of Mr. Morgan or Mr. Rockefeller. Once in a while they make some concession to the cry of reform when some particularly glaring case of plutocratic or corporation crime is brought to notice, but in the main they stand for the situation as it is, and for the perpetuation in power of the franchise corporations that make up the great aggregation of wealth that dominates the cities and States, and, eventually, the whole country. - William Marion Reedy in the St. Louis Mirror.

NO ADMITTANCE FOR EGGS

A theatrical company that plays in repertoire in country villages barred a citizen of a Long Island town, not long ago, when he started to enter with a basket, after having purchased a ticket. A writer in the New York Times tells the story:

One evening a solid-looking citizen, carrying a basket, bought a ticket and started to enter the opera house. Just as he was going in, the cover of the basket unaccountably slipped off, revealing two dozen eggs.

"Hey!" said the ticket-taker. "This isn't Easter.

Where you going with them eggs?" "None o' y'r business! Here's my ticket, all paid for an' reg'l'r," declared the citizen.

"Well, there don't any eggs go inside while I'm here," said the ticket-taker; and then the other saw the reason his burden was suspected, and roared with laughter.

He left the eggs in charge of the man at the boxoffice and entered; and he enjoyed every moment of the show. When it was over, the manager returned the eggs to him, and said:

"I was afraid you might put your foot into the basket while you were applauding."-Youth's Com-

At a dinner given by the prime minister of a little kingdom on the Balkan Peninsula, a distinguished diplomat complained to his host that the minister of justice, who had been sitting on his left, had stolen his watch.

"Ah, he shouldn't have done that," said the prime minister in tones of annoyance. "I will get it back for you."

Sure enough, toward the end of the evening the watch was returned to its owner.
"And what did he say?" asked the diplomat.

"Sh-h," cautioned the host, glancing anxiously about him. "He doesn't know that I have got it back."-Everybody's.

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A FLIRTATION

Together we sat in a tete-a-tete, The prettiest girl and I. The light was out and the hour was late, For time, you know, will fly! By Jove! How rapidly time will fly.

Together we sat in the welcome gloom, Alone, unheard, unseen, Though her mother was in the other room With a thin portiere between.

I knew that the mother in ambush lay-As mothers do, it seems-To carry the prettiest girl away, Away to the land of dreams. By Jove! To the wonderful land of dreams.

But the cherry like lips of the pretty miss, Alas, were a tempting sight,
And I ventured to beg for a tiny kiss— Just one, before "Good night."

But the prettiest girl resented that In a way I'd never dreamed, For she airily sprang from where we sat And, what do you think? She screamed! By Jove! She certainly did-she screamed!

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Her mother came cruelly in with a light And-what do you think she said? "Oh, come little lady, kiss daddy good night," And carried her off to bed. By Jove! And carried the baby to bed!-Bohemian Magazine.

A SECOND SERVING

Old age should command respect, and an old joke which has remained fallow for fifty years should not receive too harsh treatment on its reappearance to the world. But jokes do not always improve with years, as is the case in the report of the Manchester Union. The paper first records the current joke.

"Why, Jennie!" exclaimed a Sunday-school teacher to quite a large girl. "You have come to Sabbath-school barefoot. Do you think that many little girls would go that way?"

"Yes, ma'am. Some of the girls on my street go that way, and the rest mind their own business.

Now the above has been trotted out in the funny column of the local papers for several years, even heing claimed as a local happening in dozens of places. The following article was printed in Harper's Magazine for August, 1857:

"Old Professor S. was one of the instructors of Dartmouth College years ago, and was about as blunt and straightforward a specimen of humanity as ever walked. One day in the early summer he was taking his usual stroll round the village, keeping his eye out' for any student who might be off duty, when he chanced to see Mr. Page, a sturdy farmer of East Hanover, with a load of wood, trudging along the dusty street barefooted and coatless.

"'Hello, Mr. Page!' growled the professor. 'I'd like to know if all the people of East Hanover go barefoot?

"'Part of 'em do, and the rest on 'em mind their own business! ' was the reply."

The startling thing is the story of a little girl at Sunday-school perpetrating the same joke half a century later .- Youth's Companion.

DANGER ASSURED

An Englishman was recently invited by a New Yorker to accompany him on a hunting trip on Long Island.

"Large or small game?" laconically asked the Briton, who has hunted in every quarter of the globe. "You don't expect to find lions and tigers on Long Island, do you?" queried the New Yorker.

"Hardly," responded the Briton, with a laugh, "but I like a spice of danger in my hunting."

"If that's the case," answered the other, with a grin, "I'm your man, all right. The last time I went out I shot my brother-in-law in the leg!"— Harper's Weekly.





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Just as the train was about to jerk itself into motion an excited individual came rushing along the platform, dragging a heavy carpetbag with one hand

and waving a telegram with the other.
"You must wait!" he shouted breathlessly. "I'm in an awful hurry! I want to get to Buffalo the worst way!

"All right," sang out the conductor of the starting train. "Hurry up and jump aboard. You won't strike anything worse than this!"—Everybody's.

THE HYDROPHOBIA SCARE

* * * My objection to M. Pasteur is that in the interests of vivisection his establishment has been advertised by illegitimate means. The panic would have died out long ago, but it has been fomented by the press in the interests of Pasteurism, and when the mad-dog was not available for sensational treatment, a mad-dog has been invented. One thing is certain; the present epidemic of rabies did not commence till Pasteur was ready for it. If he were tomorrow to abandon his experiments in this direction, and turn his attention to, say, small-pox or cholera, we should hear of very few cases of mad dogs. The best way to stamp out hydrophobia would be to unmuzzle all the dogs and send Pasteur to the North Pole .- London Referce.

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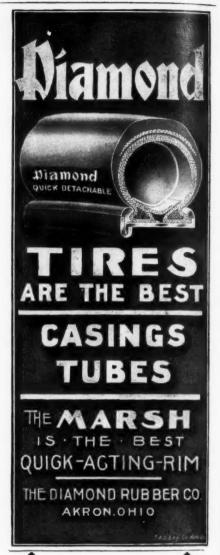
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THE DISCOVERY OF TROUSERS A Boon to Men-No More Cold Knees

Alexander the Great has found a new world to conquer after all-the world of masculine dress. News recently came from Macedon that during his recent campaign in India the illustrious Emperor chanced upon a discovery that promised to revolutionize male attire, and a representative of the Tailor and Cutter who traveled to the German capital to investigate the rumor is now in a position to confirm it. In an audience of his Majesty, graciously granted, the interviewer learned the story of the momentous discovery. It seems that the Conqueror had retired for a while from his suite and was pondering in an open space of the jungle on the great riddle of life and the littleness of man, when he was aware of the contiguity of an elephant, wild but friendly, with what he conceived to be its back toward him. As he looked he was struck by the Legligence and ease with which this vast animal wears the skin on its legs, at once so loose and well fitting, so serviceable and unpretentious. Feeling at the same moment a chilliness about his own knees, Alexander at once signaled for the court tailor and bade him, to his enormous astonishment and reluctance, make him a garment on similar lines, and this the Emperor has been wearing ever since. The new garment is called facetiously "trousers," from the court tailor's humorous remonstrance when first instructed to study the elephant-" Well, I trow, sire!" which his Majesty repeats with infinite drollery.

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—The Metropolitan.

A WITTY PEASANT

A thunderstorm overtook the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria when out shooting, in 1873, with old Emperor William of Germany and Victor Emmanuel. The three monarchs got separated from their party and lost their way. They were drenched to the skin, and, in search of shelter, hailed a peasant driving a covered cart drawn by oxen along the high road. The peasant took up the royal trio and drove on.

"And who may you be, for you are a stranger in these parts?" he asked after a while of Emperor William.

"I am the Emperor of Germany," replied his Teutonic majesty.

"Ha, very good," said the peasant, and then, addressing Victor Emanuel, "and you, my friend?"

"Why, I am the King of Italy," came the prompt reply.

"Ha, ha, very good, indeed! And who are you?" addressing Francis Joseph.

"I am the Emperor of Austria," said the latter. The peasant then scratched his head, and said with a knowing wink, "Very good, and who do you sup-

Their majesties replied they would like very much to know,

"Why, I am His Holiness, the Pope."—Our Dumb Animals,

TOO SMALL TO PRAY

"Yes, your reverence, our Johnnie is a wonder. He can play cards, bowl and cuss like a trooper."

"Can he say his prayers?"

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"No, he's too little for that."-Fliegende Blatter.

A QUEER COMPACT

Van is seven years old and hates to go to Sunday school. One day he found his best loved friend, the house cat, as old as himself, stretched out on the ground in the garden. His cries brought his mother, who did all she could for a poisoned and apparently fast dying cat, but it seemed of no avail.

As a last desperate resort Van knelt down beside the poor creature and, clasping his hands, upturned his tear-stained face and prayed, "Dear God, make my cat well! Make her well! Oh, dear God, if you will I'll go to Sunday school every time this Sun mer and not wait to be spenked!".

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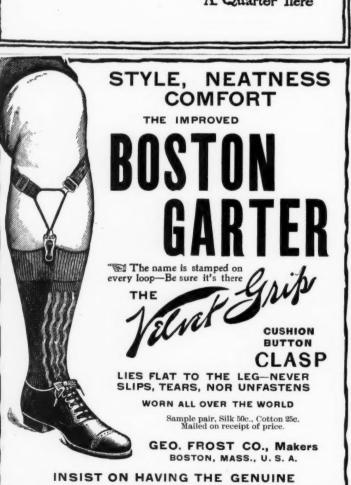
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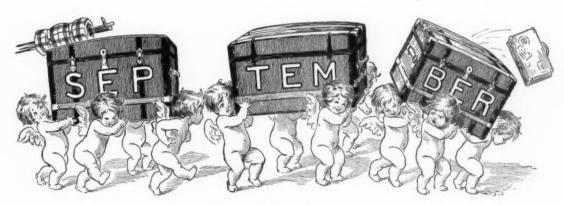


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Not that the World has yielded to ungovernable impulse and rushed off headlong on this new course. No. Reason still holds it in firm control. Admitting its objections to Bryan, but recounting the need of a powerful Opposition to the party now in power, the World says:

Independently and firmly, voluntarily and conscientiously, and with a keen appreciation of its own responsibility to the public, The World, confronted on one side by Rooseveltism and Roosevelt's Proxy and on the other by Democracy and Mr. Bryan, has no hesitation in saving that within the limits of True Democracy the Democratic ticket is entitled to the full Democratic vote.

There is nothing rash or reckless about that. It amounts to saying that such Democrats as have been able to make up their minds, all things considered, to vote the Democratic ticket this year, have warrant for that determination, and ought not to be pried away from it. That any independents or Republicans ought to vote for Bryan the World does not yet suggest. It feels (more seriously speaking) what many other observers feel, that a large share of the hopes of the country depend upon the rehabilitation of the Democratic party, and its restoration to the enjoyment of public confidence, and that some progress can be made toward that desirable consummation if the Democrats show up strong enough this year to indicate that the saner elements of the party are regaining influence in its counsels.

It is true that there is a great deal this year to encourage habitual Democrats to vote their party ticket. The trouble is that the voting habits of a great many old-time Democrats have been weakened, and will not be resumed until they can vote for a Democratic candidate that they are willing to see elected. Such a candidate Mr. Bryan is not. The country is full of just such Democrats as the World is, who feel that the Democratic ticket this year is entitled to Democratic support, but don't intend to vote it themselves.



THE papers say that Methodist ministers in the West are very much pleased with Mr. Bryan, and are urging folks with whom they have influence not to vote for Taft because he is Unitarian. That a good many of the trans-Mississippi Methodist brethren should feel their hearts go out to Brother Bryan is easy to understand, because he is very much their style of man. He ought to get his share of Methodist votes, and we presume he will-rather more than his share, probably. That is all right. Brother Bryan has worked honestly enough, and hard, for those votes, and they ought not to be begrudged to him.

But to stir up prejudice against Taft because he is a Unitarian is all wrong, and is especially unworthy of the Methodist clergy, because it is so particularly mischievous, and so contrary to American ideals. "Unitarian," in these times, is very vaguely descriptive. Taft is a Unitarian by inheritance. We don't know what his doc-

trinal beliefs are, but the differences of doctrinal persuasion between hereditary Unitarians and hereditary Episcopalians and Presbyterians-and even Baptists and Methodists-are apt to be in this generation by no means so acute and definite as they were a generation or two ago. There is no sort of reasonable objection to a Unitarian as a candidate for any public office. Doctrinal qualifications have never been considered in candidates for the Presidency. The objection, still pretty widely held, though waning, to a Roman Catholic as a candidate for that office is not doctrinal, but is based on the great strength of the powerful and disciplined Catholic organization, and to the partial control of it by powers outside of our territory. So, if the time ever comes, as it may, when votes are cast against a candidate for President because he is a Methodist, it will not be because he professes this or that religious belief, but because his sect is so strong in numbers and organization, so active and partisan as a sect in politics, and so relentlessly urgent in thrusting upon its fellows the rather narrow system of manners and morals that it patronizes, as to make anything seem dangerous that promises to increase its power.

But the Unitarians are the weakest of all the considerable sects. There is nothing to be feared from their organization, and there is no conceivable reason for discriminating politically against a member of it.



THERE are two of our fellow citizens who deserve, it seems to us, a very particular credit for being alive. One is Mr. Harriman; the other is Mr. Charles Morse. These are tough, hardy men, with the sort of nervous systems and recuperative facilities that every American family ought this year to be equipped with. Mr. Harriman and Mr. Morse ought, according to many precedents, to have shivered down off their boughs months ago like withered leaves, and been carted off-especially Mr. Morse; but even he is still active, hopeful and eager. while Mr. Harriman seems triumphant, hearty and jocund.

All In the Same Boat



TOO GENEROUS

Miss-Inkwell invested in culture this June, The outlay was three hundred dollars. She dishes up Europe three times a day-She ought to save some for her scholars!



O LAYER CAKE I

Anita Marshmallow may always be found Sitting up near the bow eating candy. With four sons of Eli she sings "Boola Boo," "Don't you think Jack Barrymore's Dandy!"

New Rules

VERY summer brings with it an increasing number of accidents to automobilists on railroad tracks. Most of these accidents, however, seem to be haphazard. There is no system to them. In many cases the auto gets over the track and away without any damage whatever.

The following suggestions may be of use to automobilists and their families, who contemplate being run over by locomotives.

Trust implicitly to your chauffeur, especially if you have your wife and babies along with you. Some people are absurdly particular in this respect. They go so far as to demand references when they en-

gage their chauffeur. They want him to go under thirty miles an hour constantly, and if he hears the whistle of a locomotive they even demand that he stop the car. The best way is to let him alone and assume that he knows his business, even if you don't know much about him. It's the only way to enjoy your ride.

If you happen to be driving the car yourself, don't be absurdly timid about the steering gear, or the fact that a train may be about to pass just as you are crossing the track. You, if a millionaire, have as much right on the track at that moment as any one, and if you see there is no help for it, make a good job of it, and let the locomotive hit you fairly and squarely. It's the lingering afterward that causes trouble-and is more expensive.

Above all, don't let any one get ahead of you on the road.

The fact that you may run up on a railroad track at any moment and meet a locomotive only adds to the real sport of automobiling.

Too Late

MIFKINS (to Piffer): She's a stunning woman, old man, and you're bound to be struck on her. But don't mention laundry, or anything like that! Her grandmother was a washwoman.

PIFFER (later, to the lady in question, as he relates a story): Yes, indeed! I can tell you, it took the starch-beg pardon! the nerve-right out of me.



24-CARAT SILENCE

Discovered

SHE was a student at Vassar, While he was a Princeton man; And during the Newport season They gathered a coat of tan Which caused unlimited wonder-Knockers cried "What a disgrace!" For each of the pair was sunburned On opposite sides of the face.

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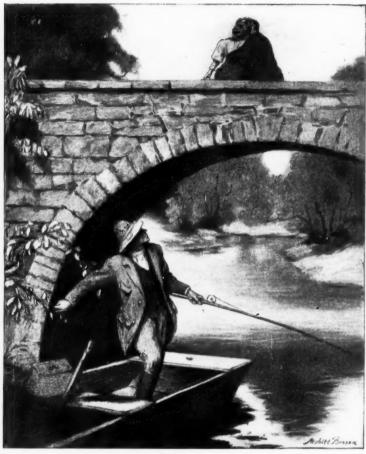
A Sure Thing

"DO you think Putter will marry again?

"Inside of a year. I have never seen a man so inconsolable over the loss of a



Mr. Misimagin: "HUH! THAT MUST BE A CATBIRD. I'VE SHOT HIM EIGHT TIMES, AND HE AIN'T DEAD YET "



"SAY! CAN'T YOU CUT THAT OUT? YOU'RE SCARING THE FISH "

More Bewilderment

DID you ever stop to think how fortunate it was that people did not take advice, and what an awful mess we'd have on our hands if they did? It is especially to be commended that the youth of our country are heedless of advice; that advice is to the mind of the youth as water is to a duck's back. Otherwise they would not be fit to sur-

For instance, we tell the rising generation to save their money and invest it in first mortgages. Then we turn right around and tell them to live within their income and never borrow money. Of course, you already see the point. This is not a surprise story. If every one took the second bit of advice, none could possibly follow the first bit and vice versa. These two bits are mutually exclusive. Therefore they should always be given together. It would not be fear;

it would hurt business, to tell one fellow to save his money and invest it in first mortgages, and then go around telling all the other fellows not to borrow from him. All this, moreover, on top of Shakespeare's advice to "neither a borrower nor a lender be."

Let us be just, one unto another, and not look free advice in the mouth.

Ellis O. Jones.

The Line of Least Resistance

THE MOTHER: My little boy was rude, I know. I am afraid he is awfully spoiled.

THE STRANGER: Don't mention it, madam! It is better that he should be spoiled than that his young life be embittered by the thought that he is different from all other American children.

WITH an ideal society there would he no temptations to resisthence, man would deteriorate.

Who's What

In and Out of America







Shonts, Theodore.—A retired canal digger, who lived at Panama but digger, who lived at Panama, but came on to August Belmont's villa via the White House, where so many bouquets were thrown at him that it took him days to recover. For some little time he has been learning the Subway trade, having been presented with a grafter's text book by Thomas Ryan. Mr. Shonts began life as an engineer, and will probably end it as a financier. His favorite hymn is "Out of the Depths." Author of "A Hole in the Ground," "Panama Pickings," "How I Escaped from a Teddy Bear," etc.

Valuable

PARSON: Young man, I'm surprised to see you fishing on the Sabbath. I shall certainly make it the subject of a sermon.

THE YOUNG MAN: Waal, if it gives you an idea for a sermon, maybe it's wuth it!



WASTING TIME



ames, Henry .- A fog maker, now living in London, formerly of Boston and the outskirts of Harvard. The quality of this gentleman's fog has never been surpassed, and it is appreciated only by the elect, who go into raptures over it. There have been many other literary fogs (see the Browning brand, the Maurice Hewlett mixture, the Meredith, the latest Kipling product, etc.), but none that, when one steps into it, gives one the pleasant sensation of analytical hopelessness as that of Mr. James. To be appreciated it must be indulged in freely. "After groping about for a while," says a recent admirer, "one begins to feel the end of a sentence, which end, doesn't matter. He pulls himself along its slippery length, like a man on a life line in a heavy sea, until he begins to gulp down, not heavily and oppressively, but subtly and delightfully, the splendid thought." This will give one a fair idea of the James fog, which frequently extends across the banks of New Foundland to Printing House Square. Besides producing this fog, Mr. James' principal occupation is criticising America, which he does to the King's taste. Favorite pastime: Wondering what it means. Motto: To the Stylist All Things Are Meaningless. Address the principal city of England-that is, that place which is said or believed to be or thought to cover more, and contain more than any other, if I may be permitted to say so, none other than London, England.





roker, Richard. -A born and made opolitician, whom New York loved so well and faithfully that she furnished him enough to go to England with and win the Derby. The first two years of this young man's life were spent in Ireland, long enough to entitle him to a certificate to be one of the guardians of American morals. Coming on to New York, he took up the good work of Tammany Hall where Tweed left it off, and established a standard of graft for the whole country, his collection of franchises being declared more complete than that of any other collector. His favorite occupation is Living down the Past. Recreation: Patting John Bull on the back. Address any sporting ring.

Two Inches that Count for Taft

BOSTON clothing manufacturer remarks a very interesting detail of the effect of prosperity upon the people of the United States. Ten years ago, he says, the waist measurements of ready-made clothing-most in demand in the West and the South-was 34 inches for the West and 33 for the South. Now the largest call is for 36 and 35 inches waist measurement for the same people. That means that the waist capacity of the West and South has been increased by two inches, a very interesting difference.

Corporeally, Bryan and Taft may both commend themselves to the electorate whose waist measurements has increased two inches, but politically, Taft more than Bryan. Bryan developed his first strength among the lean and hungry. The hearts of folks whose waist measurements are increasing have never been very ready to go out to him, and are not

In Regard to Duck Hunting

H AVING just returned from a duck hunt with an enthusiastic friend, I can cordially recommend it to all those who are tired of life.

We arrived at our destination, on the confines of North Carolina, about seven o'clock in the evening. This is the pleasant hour, by the way, when it is my invariable custom to don a pair of soft old slippers, and with a pipe and a book, curl up before a romantic grate fire.

On this occasion things were somewhat different. In order to get within range of the nimble duck, it is necessary to locate oneself near a sheet of cold and forbidding water in some lonely spot, where electric light plants do not grow and woolen blankets have only a distant echo. For this purpose we sat around a red hot stove in a fisherman's hut, while the icicles formed on our backs. When it came to retiring, my friend said in a cold, sepulchral voice: "You will be called at two o'clock in the morning."

And then I shuddered upstairs, where I crept under one of those cardboard cotton comforters that lie along the ragged edges of civilization, and tried to get warm. Gradually wrapping around my feet everything there was in the room, from the rag carpet to my ascot necktie and piling on top overcoats, hairbrushes and nail files, I lay and calmly awaited my fate.

Gradually becoming more and more benumbed, I was just about to lose consciousness when a big brute of a ruffian known as the "guide' stamped into the room and shaking me playfully until I broke in all the places I was frozen, shouted, "Git up! It's two o'clock."

I jumped out of bed, and, there being no more clothes to put on, seized my gun and started down to breakfast. This con-



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sisted of a coffee compound known as Java, Mocha, and mud. Then, thrusting a Pittsburgh stogic between my teeth—for by this time I was lost to all sense of shame—we started forth.

"It's a grand morning," whispered my friend, playfully throwing over my shoulder a ton or so of decoy ducks. I looked around at the total darkness and replied that I was crazy about it.

Scientists tell us that our vitality is at its lowest ebb between four and five in the morning. Put this back to two-thirty, and you'll have the facts.

I am the sort of man—I speak of it with hereditary pride—who scorns to carry a package—if it weighs but three ounces, back and forth from my home. When I travel, I travel first class. Porters hurry on in front of me armed cat-a-pie with my luggage. Therefore it was a new sensation, this skirting a meadow in rubber boots, gradually being filled with a new crop of chillblains, carrying a shotgun listed at twelve pounds (actual weight about two hundred) with a belt of cartridges about my waist and loaded with decoy ducks.

Thus we crept to the boats—and having got in, pulled down the lids.

I confess that I am an open, hearty, bluff person. There is not a deceptive hair in my head. If I had had my way about it, I would have sat on the shore in front of a blazing fire, upholstered with hot water bottles, filled with Santa Cruz rum,



BRIBERY.



THE RUMBLE SEAT

and dared those ducks to come near. The idea of deceiving even a duck is repellant to my nature. To do it by getting up at 2 A. M. and sneaking off in a bush-decorated boat about two sizes too small, while you're slowly freezing to death, is not in my line.

After we had floated idly about in something remotely (very!) resembling the voluptuous, passionate, Cleopatra style, a streak in the East proclaimed that another day of suffering was at hand.

Our decoys by this time were having friendly doings with some rank outsiders, persuading them doubtless that this was the spot for permanent home sites where good icy cold water could be squatted on, on the installment plan. A long train of ducks from the congested tenement districts of the North Pole, had just arrived and was settling down on the choice corner lots we had provided, when the guide lifted his left eyebrow three-eighths of an inch.

This was the signal for the slaughter. My friend and the guide each killed six or seven of the newcomers. As for myself, not one decoy duck escaped my trusty gun.

Thus the years appeared to drag on until it was time to return to the Waldorf Astoria.

"You'll be like another man," said my friend, blythely slapping me on my frappéd back. And he was right. Rheumatism has done it. Next day, on my way to the best heated sanitarium in the state, I directed that a suitable number of ducks—bought from the guide—be sent by express to my friends at home to remember me by.

In the meantime should anyone ask me if I consider it honorable to shoot a defenseless bird for the mere hilarious pleasure of the sport, my reply is this: Any duck who is foolish enough to get up so early in the morning ought to be shot in cold blood.

My one regret is that instead of doing this I filled those patient decoys with lead—thus making them all the heavier for the next innocent victim my friend will persuade to leave his happy home for a dark, rheumatic, grippe-laden future.

A Youthful Pessimist

T. L. M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER: What did God do on the Sabbath day?

BRIGHT Boy: I guess he must have sat around and felt awful sorry for what he had done.

Men Wanted

THE United States Government has recently indulged in some rather extensive and elaborate magazine advertising for naval recruits. In this advertisement the most enticing statements are made, and the accompanying picture is of an immaculate sailor boy in a Peter Thomson suit buying luscious fruit from a delicious looking Spanish senora. the whole exuding an exotic breath calculated to reach the heart of an impressionable youth. It is undeniably attractive, but is it true? A suspicion unavoidably lurks that the promulgators of the advertisement have been guilty at least of exaggeration. If so, is it justifiable? We have been brought up to believe that a democratic government dealing with its people should be impartially truthful. Only foreign diplomats should lie. Government advertisements in the past have been nothing beyond the mere colorless statement of facts and needs. Why the change?

This new departure brings the suggestion that something is wrong somewhere. We are reliably informed that a large number of men are now out of work. The bare announcement of two or three lines in the want column that a man is wanted at a certain address is sufficient to bring a score. Why, then, should the Government need an expensive "ad" writer for so good a job as is pictured? If it is all true about that fruit and that romantic senora, why don't the boys so write home to all their friends, which would result in a veritable bombardment of applicants at the recruiting stations?

Of course, no one could answer these questions except Andrew Carnegie or Richard Croker, and they are probably both abroad. And, besides, we better not take it up until the injunction is disposed of.

Ellis O. Jones.



[&]quot;DID YOU BRING THAT WIRELESS MESSAGE FOR PA?"

[&]quot; YEP."

[&]quot;GEE! THEN YOU MUST BE A WIRELESS MESSENGER."

How to be Happy on the Farm

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT in-

How can life on the farm be made more attractive? How can a compelling desire to live on the farm be aroused in the children that are born on the farm?

There are various ways to do it. Our way would be to put a fresh copy of Life once a week in every farmhouse. The way recommended by the commission appointed by the President (if it is as able and as practical as we hope it is) will be to install in every farmhouse the complete (so far) works of Theodore Roosevelt, including "My Invasion of Africa," as soon as printed.

Another way would be to revise the Tariff so that the farmer can buy more with his money.

But why must the children that are born on the farm live on it? Are they to divide and subdivide the land? If there is a reasonable number of them some of them had better get out, just as they do now, and have long been in the habit of doing. The most valuable crop raised on farms is the crop of children, and like all crops, it needs to be distributed, and, especially, brought to the cities to quicken them with fresh energy.

The children in whom it is most important to arouse a compelling desire to live on the farm are those who are born in cities and need a change. To bring the rich ones especially, who know nothing but city life and artificial pleasures, to the knowledge and experience of farming and rural employments, would be a very useful work indeed. We hope the President's commissioners will pay attention to this branch of their duties. Our city of New York, for example, is only fit to work in, and folks who have money enough to live here without working could get a great deal more for their money and live much more usefully and to better purpose in the truly rural districts somewhere where they would have to think a little on their own account, and work a little and read a little, in order to keep alive.



"SAY, MISTER! DO YE THINK YE COULD CONTRIBUTE A MITE
TO'ARD TH' SUPPORT OF A PORE WIDDER?"

The Earth

THE earth touches life at a number of important points. It is, to be sure, the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but by an amicable arrangement it is farmed out to the coal barons in such a way as not to hurt business.

The salt of the earth is one of the eleven primordial jokes.

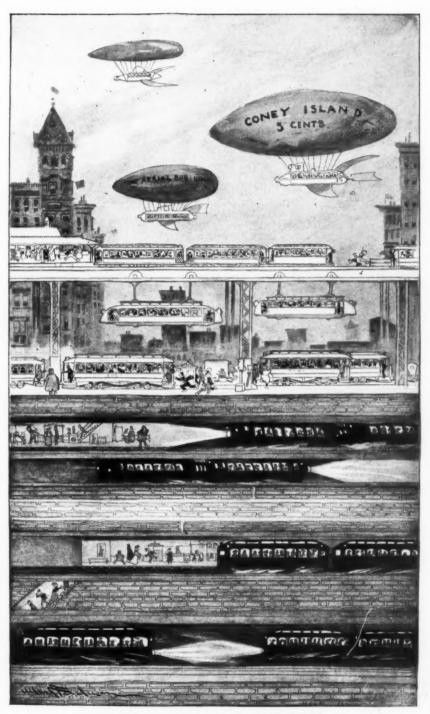
By being of the earth earthy we avoid becoming dotty over the good, the beautiful and the true.

The earth stops people when they fall out of their airships, and is a convenient contrivance for them to return to when they die. It gets itself wanted by the many and adds the envy of these to the joys of the few who obtain it. And finally it bestows merited distinction on the meek by whom the earth, after being eaten up in the costs of administration, is inherited.

Ramsey Benson.



THE NEW SUN DIAL



SECTIONAL VIEW OF A NEW YORK STREET

"NOT YET, BUT SOON"

Optimism

I'M quite devoid of money, As everybody knows; But the summer sky is sunny And there's perfume to the rose. For gold that's bright and yellow The golden rod will do. I'm rich as any fellow, Or that's my point of view!

The song the breezes utter, The twittering of birds, The leaves that lisp and flutter, My true love's tender words, The lakes that dance and dimple, The scent of fir and pine-I own them in fee simple-Hence, all the world is mine!

I have no broad green acres Of which I'm over lord, But joy's for any takers, And joy's my only hoard; And while my comrades name me Companion in their mirth, I shall myself proclaim me "The richest man on earth!" Berton Braley.

A Real Surprise

[BY MEXICAN CABLE TO THE HER-

BUENOS AYRES, via GALVESTON, Texas, Sunday.—The special committee charged to investigate the efficiency of Behring's anti-tuber-culosis serum reported that the experiments were a complete fail-

Serums are the pride and joy of the vivisector. If reports of this kind are encouraged some crazy mischief-maker will soon be declaring that Brer Rabbit's foot is no protection against rheumatism.

Beau Ideal

"HE has everything to make a woman happy."

"On the contrary, he has nothing but wealth."
"Dear me! What more can a

woman ask of her husband than that he have wealth?"

"That he have brains, beauty, bravery!"

" But "-

"Or, failing these, heart disease!"

In the Good Old Summer Time

"PAPA, haven't you any more fairy stories to read me?" "Nothing, my boy, but the Republican and Democratic platforms, and they are too sad for one so young."



LIFE.



MES-HAWINS WINNING THE MARATHON RACE FOR ALL ENGLAND

One More Season

EJOICE, ye first-nighters, and burst into song, The maskers and mummers are coming along. Rehearsals are going from morning till night; Each manager's praying that he has guessed right.

The critics are gathering near for the fray (The "ad" manager tells them just what to say).

Box offices yawn; speculators prepare For the harvest. Let's scrutinize the bill of fare.

The musical comedies (they're here galore; John Bull and Chicago send them by the score) With glitter and crash usher in the new season: Librettists, why always without rhyme or reason? Then follow the comedies; these are assorted In two lots, some homemade, but mostly imported By Manager Charles; or "adapted," perhaps, By someone who's scornful of critical raps. The books of the moment are all dramatized-A host of Best Sellers. Do not be surprised Should they drop out of sight with a sickening thud; A frost often nips the book-play in the bud. The stars are appearing to light the White Way; John Drew's being fitted for clothes-and a play. Belasco's discovered a few actorines: Who cares for mere acting when sumptuous scenes And oodles of "atmosphere" show us what can Be done by a capable property-man? Here's Hackett and Sothern, both striving to part Matrimonial bonds. As a First Aid to Art, An ancient but ever effective resource, Commend me, O Muse, to the gods of Divorce. Nat Goodwin's on deck once again to redeem His laurels, not even a "succes d'estime ' Has been his of late. Will we see Nat appear

In the theatre Maxine's aspiring to rear?
Clyde Fitch has accomplished six dramas polite,
And bosses rehearsals for half of the night;
While Walters, when not counting box-office pelf,
Gives out pleasing interviews—all on himself.
The mimic world wakens: ere long Wirter's hammer
Will lustily pound the American "drammer."

Then on to the play! How the dear public pants
To put up its money three weeks in advance.
The play of society, tragedy, farce,
The musical "show" where the raiment is sparse;
Ade, Ibsen—whatever you chance to prefer
Is here at your pleasure. Seats, \$2.00 per (haps).
Come, hasten into the theatrical mart;
We'll witness once more Commerce posing as Art.

Arthur D. Pratt.

What Became of Warden Goode

GEORGIA! Ge-o-o-orgia! Are you there, Georgia? What became of Warden Goode, who whipped to death a sixteen-year-old boy at the Durham Coal Company's convict camp in Northwest Georgia? Here's the story:

Given a year in the penitentiary for stealing two cans of potted ham, the boy one day spilled some hot coffee on a pig belonging to the warden. Keith says he was held down by two men while Goode struck him sixty-eight lashes with a heavy strap. The boy had to be carried to the hospital, and in a week he died. The death certificate gave consumption as the cause.

Excuse us, Georgia, but the story makes us interested in Warden Goode. Was he inconvenienced at all?

And it is true, we hope, as reported, Georgia, that you are about to abolish the hideous system which has been so long a scandal in several Southern States, and under which such dreadful cruelties have happened.

Medical Maxims

I T'S an ill wind that blows the doctor good.

To err is normal; to cure divine.

A patient in the office is worth two in the grave.

Never operate during periods of depression, particularly financial.

It is better to have operated and lost, than never to have operated at all.

A stitch in time saves embarrassment.

An ounce of pretension is worth a pound of cure.
When patients relapse, it's nature's fault; when they

die, it's their own.

IF you take advantage of your opportunities you will acquire a competence; if you take advantage of other people's you will be-

come a millionaire.



THE GREAT WHITE WAY

Sanctum Talks

"GOOD MORNING, LIFE!"

"Good morning-why, bless my soul! How are you, Mr. Taft?"

"Nicely, thank you. But perhaps a

"Not worried?"

"Well, hardly that. Of course, I'll NEWYO

"Of course you will, Mr. Taft. don't see why

"Why I am uneasy-just a little? I'll explain. I'm extremely conscientious."

"Certainly! That's part of the Yale course.

"And when I think of the great responsibility it makes me "-

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"That's it! You've hit it, LIFE. I tremble, for fear "

"For fear that you won't be able to fulfill your obligations. Well, Mr. Taft, I wish I could say something to encourage you."

"Can't you think of anything? My conscience

"That's just it! No, I can't. You see, in order to be really decent about it, you will have to see that the next Congress fritters away on appropriations and general extravagances as many billions as the last one did. Otherwise the previous administration will be discredited."

"I know it."

"Then, as an honest and honorable man, you can't do anything to disturb our business interests by fooling with the tariff."

"Certainly not."

"It wouldn't do, in your attitude toward the financial interests, such as Standard Oil and the rest, to be anything more than a good politician."

"I should say not!"

"To call them occasional names and jog them up a little for public effect, while not going so far as to injure your prospects for a second term-all this is delicate business."

"Exactly so!"

"Then the Grand Old Republican Party! Mr. Taft, as an honorable man, you will naturally see that the men who control it don't lose anything. It's a regular business with them. They are so well established at it now, that it wouldn't do for them to employ a candidate who wouldn't conserve their interests."

" Surely!"

"Of course it wouldn't do for them to select any one who was too much their tool. They pick out a reasonably honest man, like you, who stands well LIFE'S Wall Street Column



ERIE UNCHANGED



NORTHERN PACIFIC



THE CLOSING WAS WEAK

with the public, to be sure of election, and then they expect to control as much of the rest of you as is left over after the public demand has been satisfied. Eh, Mr. Taft?"

"I am afraid that's so."

"And the newspaper editors who are with you, and whose money is interested in the stocks that are also owned by the men who control the aforesaid Grand Old Party-you'll have to be good to them. They are looking for ambassadors' jobs and other distinguished emoluments."

"Don't I know it! Can't you say anything soothing or encouraging?

"Wish I could, Mr. Taft. But you see, as an honest and conscientious person, you have a sacred and monumental duty to perform."

"That's why I tremble."

"That's why I tremble for you-for fear, of course, that you may fall short of your own obligations. Good morning, and may your shadow never

"G-good morning, LIFE!"

"Good morning, Mr. Taft!"

Warning

DITOR: You want to be careful E about McGrubbins. You know he is aggressive and likely to sue us for

REPORTER: What have I done?

"Why, the other day you spoke of him as a possible candidate for Vice-President on the Prohibition ticket."

What a Medical Paper Thinks

THE sun do move; public opinion, when duly and persistently prodded, does advance. We find a no less responsible organ of the medical profession than the New York Medical Times quoted as saying:

We have admitted that abuses do exist in the practice of vivisection. We are perfectly willing to be derided as a zo-ophilist or sentimentalist, in depending legislation research. advocating legislation to prevent cruelty to the lower animals. Indeed, it is too late in the day to consider whether such legislation ought to exist.

Vivisection ought to be limited to the holders of medical degrees or licenses and to scientific students of biologic branches, devoted to research and teaching.

One and the Same

THE STUDENT (writing an essay): Say, Gov, which is right, "Woman, thy name is frailty," or "Frailty, thy name is woman "?

HIS FATHER: Both, my boy.

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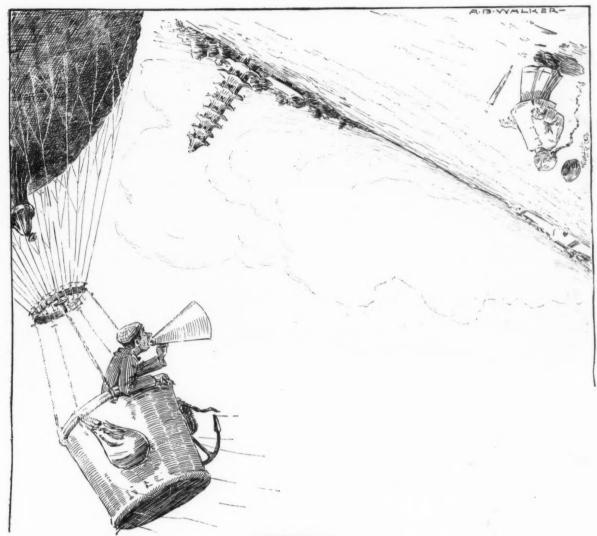


THE HUNTER'S MOON



AN ACCIDENT IN PH-L-D-LPH-A.

Mrs. Manhattan: What! Hurt by an auto! Dear me, a lame octogenarian could get out of the way!
Mr. Manhattan: He wasn't struck by it. He was leaning up against it asleep, and when it started he fell.



LOST IN THE SKY
"GREAT HEAVENS! IS THIS CHINA?"

His Fault

SHE: You married me for my money. HE: Yes, that's the real trouble. I didn't take you enough into consideration.



"WHAT! NO FLIES ON THE BILL OF FARE?"

How to Read the Newpapers

 Remember that no paper can be successfully maintained nowadays unless it has large capital back of it, and that this capital is provided by moneyed interests.

2. That the editor is not engaged in telling the truth, but in presenting such material as will "catch" the greatest number of readers, without conflicting with the "interests" of the owners.

3. That next to the owners, and their interests, advertisers have to be considered.

 M^{ASTER} : I'm sorry to hear, Pat, that your wife is dead.

PATRICK: Faith an' 'tis a sad day for us all, sir! The hand that rocked the cradle has kicked the bucket.

The Senate Sent It Back

(Dedicated to nearly any State Legislature.)

THE members of the House one day were working on a

They filled it chock with poppycock just wild enough to thrill, And when it was completed, and nothing seemed to lack-They sent it to the Senate, but the Senate sent it back-

Said the thing was out o' whack.

So the House piled more amendments to the hurly-burly stack :

Viewed their work with calm conviction, and with nerve more strong than knack

They sent it to the Senate, but the Senate sent it back.

The Senate sent a message that was tinctured with a slur-"In these absurd amendments the Senate can't concur."

But the House grew wild with fury, and said: "We'll have no slack.

So they sent it to the Senate, but the Senate sent it back-Said the HOUSE was out o' whack;

They hoped that some Samaritan would put them on the

But the House, as mad as fiddlesticks, just wouldn't stand the crack-

They sent it to the Senate, and the Senate sent it back.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN: I went down in the slums yesterday to see that poor family I spoke to you about. HER HUSBAND: Are they in a bad way?

"I never saw worse. Why they are so poor that they have to live in a Trinity Church tenement."

A Letter

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Aug. 1, 1908.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSO, Gug. 1, 1997. To the Editor of Life:

Sir—I am heartily in sympathy with the spirit of your crusade against vivisection, and I hope you will have all the success possible. I know little about the subject, too little, perhaps, to justify this letter; but my justification must come from my desire to see the result effected. It seems to me that vivisection, conducted by earnest and competent men, has been, and will be, of great benefit to the human race. If I am not mistaken, one important discovery we owe to it, the discovery of the circulation of the blood. You will pardon discovery of the circulation of the blood. You will pardon me if I misunderstand your position, but I believe that you are contending against vivisection as a whole. Now, don't you think that if you limited your crusade to that sort of vivisection which is absolutely useless, or is carried on without every possible effort being taken to prevent suffering for the animal, and I admit that is a large part, your cause would be greatly strengthened, and would appeal to more people? K. W. Hunter.

WE do not wish to contradict our correspondent, but the statement that the discovery of the circulation of the blood was due to vivisection has been emphatically denied.

Vivisection is always practical in private, and we consider restriction practically impossible. The medical profession would continue in absolute control, which means no restriction. Its vehement opposition to the mildest regulation has made its intentions perfectly clear. Regulation in England has been a complete failure. It could not be otherwise.

As to "every possible effort being taken to prevent suffering" we can only express an inqualified disbelief in the mutilation of living animals without acute suffering.

PARKE: I'd like to have you help us out at bridge. Play?

LANE: Not a very good game.

"So much the better. We play for money."



Phyllis: DIDN'T WASHINGTON SAY IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH ? "

Chester: NO, I THINK HE SAID "BEWARE OF ENTANGLING ALLIANCES."

Confidential Guide to Religions

Baptist: Tank drama. Costumes inferior, but contains some splendid acting. Too much red fire. With W. J. Rockefeller as angel is booked for long Run.

Episcopal: Conventional piece in which actors walk through their parts. Too much business, but contains some splendid musical hits, and is admirably presented.

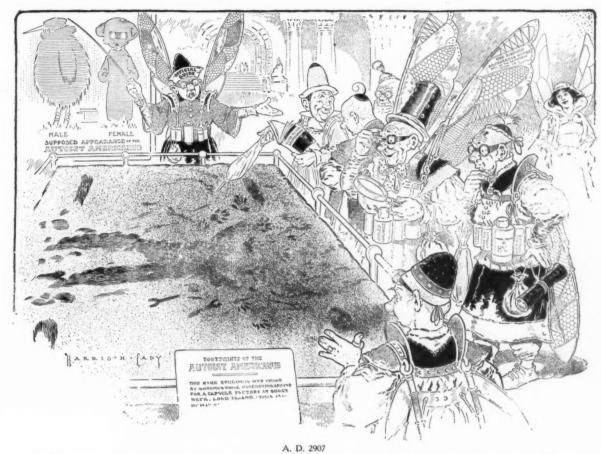
Methodist: Blood and thunder farce. Splendidly emotional, but too much ranting. Would be greatly improved by introduction of a few vaudeville specialties. Plot poor, but in pieces like this no one expects plot.

Presbyterian: Gloomy and immoral. Should be avoided by extreme young. Most of the actors are killed off without hope. Leading parts taken by infants. Lurid drop curtain. Has had a long run, but will have to be considerably modified to be popular.

Christian Science: Extravaganza. Splendid illusions. Indeed, it is almost impossible to detect them. One of the cleverest sleight-of-hand performances we have seen. Great moneymaker, but ephemeral.

Catholic: Unequalled anywhere for popular interest. For stage business has no rival. A strong stock company, in which all the members are stars. Bound to have a long run.

Unitarian: Full of human interest, but too realistic. Leaves too little to imagination. A few fairy stories would help it. Weak in last act.



Official Guide: Now, gentlemen, we come to that rarest of specimens, the footprints of the autoist americanus.

This interesting creature seems to have abounded in all parts of the civilized world, and to have especially thrived in the sandy soil of long island. We will now pass on.

A Misunderstanding



THE bluff at Ocean Crest looked down upon a waste of sand, a straggly stretch of cottages, and a weather-beaten hotel—a perfect type of those architectural monstrosities that line our coast.

Two people were sitting on top of the bluff—alone.

The girl was turning the leaves of a book. The man was smoking.

"Has it occurred to you," he said, "that we have known each other a whole week?"

other a whole week?"

"Dear me!" she ejaculated. "How time flies! You came
the day I began this book—and I haven't finished it yet."

"Isn't it good?"

"Oh,-as it goes-a feeble little love story."

"You don't care for love stories?"

"No! Do you?"

"Not I! And that reminds me! Rather singular, isn't it, that we've known each other a whole week, and neither of us has mentioned the subject."

"Why should we? That would indicate that we had been thinking about it, and I can assure you, so far as I am concerned, nothing has been farther from my thoughts."

"Nor from mine-until just now."

"What started you?"

"Why, I think it was more curiosity than anything else. It's so common, you know."

"It's common only to those people who don't know any better."

He looked at her in some wonderment.

"I infer," he said, "that you have never been in love."

"Never! Have you?"

"No

"Then it's an even thing, and just as it should be."

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He paused a moment, and then said, reflectively: "Somebody must have loved you."

"Oh, yes, I suppose so. Possibly, also, you"——He smiled.

"Well, I suppose so. By the way, you don't look like a misanthrope. You're a handsome girl—your spirits are good—there's nothing morbid about you. Surely your attitude toward this thing called love is not a cynical one."

"Dear me, no! And might I say the same thing of you?"

"What! That I am handsome?"

"Well, perhaps I shouldn't have said that. Men are so vain, you know, that they swallow everything in the nature of a compliment. What I mean is that you are no misanthrope, either. Surely you are not a cynic."

This time he laughed aloud.

"My attitude about the whole affair is quite simple," he said. "It's a question of common sense. I live in town, on a moderate salary. I have a nice bachelor apartment, and I do as I please. I am ambitious, and believe that I can satisfy my ambition better if I am unhampered. All this seems selfish. But in reality it is not so. It is simply cold, hard logic. For, suppose I should do the unselfish act—so-called—and get married. The chances are that I might not make my wife happy. Somehow or other, the modern conditions don't seem to favor the success of this sort of thing. I see so much marital unhappiness among my friends. And so, as a reasonable being, I am going to keep out of it. How about you?"

She smiled.

"You have voiced my sentiments pretty well," she replied. "From my own standpoint, I agree with you perfectly. I wouldn't get married for the world. I have a lovely time, splendid loyal friends, and I really have opportunities to do so much good. Of course, I don't do as much as I might, but I'm doing more and more all the time. Next winter I expect to join a class in settlement work. The fact is that nowadays it doesn't pay to fall in love. I am only sorry that you mentioned the subject."

"Why?"

"Well, you know, it's an awfully insidious thing, and sometimes the mere suggestion of it is enough to"

"Great Scott! Do you think there is any danger in our case?"

She looked at him calmly.

"Certainly not. But you know it is a thing to be avoided. Why, it would spoil everything between us. Dear me! It almost gets me into a panic to think about it. I hope you feel the same way."

He gazed at her gravely.

"I can assure you I do," he replied. "Why, I wouldn't fall in love with you for anything. It would be the end of everything, wouldn't it? And the worst of it is that neither of us has been in love before. And of course that makes it so much harder."

"I don't understand you."

"Why, we might not know it. It might steal over us unawares—seems to me I have read somewhere that's the way it affects some people. But I know better than that. I know it does."

"How do you know?"

He shook his head.

"Now, that isn't fair," he said. "Because you already think me conceited. But put it to yourself. You have had men fall in love with you, haven't you? Why, you just said so."

"Yes.

"Well, didn't they slip into it before they knew what they were about? Why, I dare say what might have been in an entirely unconscious manner—without the slightest idea of loving you—and then suddenly found themselves head over heels."

"Well, yes. I remember one or two like that."

"Then here's the point: I don't know about it, because I have never been in love. But you do, because you've observed it in other men, and you've been able to tell exactly, because you were an interested spectator. Now, this being the case, it's your duty to tell me. Don't hesitate a minute. Remember the awful consequences and be firm. If you ever see anything about me to indicate that I may be falling in love with you, you must warn me at once. Now, won't you?"

"On one condition."

" And that?"

"That you do the same thing with me."

"But you might not like that—I might offend you. Suppose I should take you aside and tell you frankly that so far as I was concerned there was danger. Why, you'd think me more conceited than ever, and it would anger you."

"It would—certainly—if I hadn't asked you to do it beforehand. But not as long as the matter is thoroughly understood between us. Only, of course, I must reserve the privilege of still having my own opinion."

"Oh, certainly! All I can do is to say 'Beware!' or 'Be careful!' and then, if you don't choose to take the warning, why, that's your affair."

"Well, it might not be my affair altogether. I might take you aside and warn you, and you might not believe me—then that would be your affair, also."

"Certainly, but it would then be an even thing. We would still be quits. Now, when shall we begin?"

"At once."

"All right. Your hand upon it."

They shook hands solemnly.

Then he looked at her keenly.

"Your face is serious," he said. "There's a shade of anxiety in it. What is it? You don't mean to say that already you suspect "——

She returned his look.

"Yes," she said, "I do. I'm really worried about you."

"You don't tell me! Well, isn't it fine we've made this agreement? Because now there isn't the faintest possibility of our getting in love with each other without knowing it far enough ahead to prevent it. I only hope you are not annoyed with me, or feel that just because you've noticed something—whatever it is—that it's going to make any difference between us. Because I swear I shall not permit it. Come, now, what have you noticed?"

She gazed out over the distant ocean at the smoke of a

steam yacht that was lazily crawling eastward.

"I didn't like the fact," she said, "that you mentioned love at all. That in itself was a bad sign. I thought of it myself—once or twice—and took good care not to mention it. But you—well, you blurted it right out. If you hadn't been dwelling on it more or less you wouldn't have spoken about it. And I tell you, my friend, you can't even think about it—it isn't safe."

"Anything else?"

"Yes-you shook hands with me."

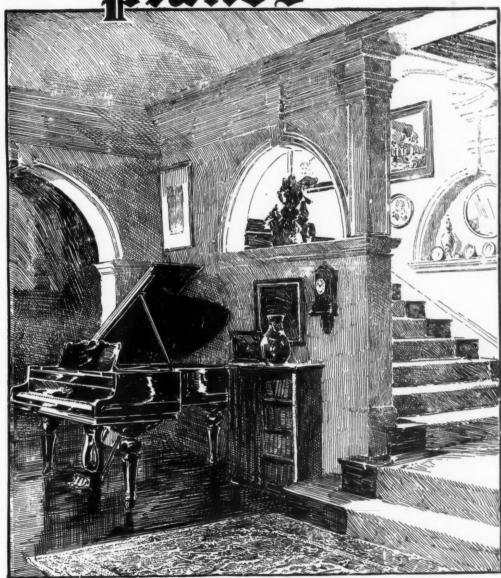
"What of that? Two men would have done the same thing."

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"Ah! But one man wouldn't have squeezed the other's hand-the way you did mine.'

"And the other man wouldn't have returned the squeezethe way you did mine."

'What! I didn't.'

"You may not have meant it. But you did."

"It was purely unconscious."

"I have no doubt of it. It only goes to show that you,

"It isn't so," she replied, angrily. "You started the whole thing.

"But you just admitted that you, too, had been thinking of love even before I spoke of it. The only difference between us was that I spoke first-as, of course, I naturally would."

"Then in your exalted opinion, sir, I am falling in love with-you?

"I wouldn't go so far as to say that. But I really think there may be some slight danger.'

"What insolence on your part!"

"Didn't we make an agreement?"

"Yes. But I told you the truth, and you"-

" Pardon me, but the very fact that you are angry about it shows there is some truth in what I've said. Otherwise you wouldn't have been angry-you wouldn't have cared."

"Well, I don't know. When I told you the truth about yourself you weren't angry. Why, you actually seemed pleased to think you had been falling in love with me."

"But that was only because I controlled myself. Secretly I was put out about it. I can assure you. Then, again, I was so grateful to you for having told me that "-

She rose hastily.

"There's no use in discussing the matter any further," she said, her face crimson. "Let us go back. It is quite evident that our very pleasant companionship is at an end.'

"But why?" he pleaded, following her. "Surely we can restrain ourselves. Surely, now that we know the truth, half the battle is won. All we have to do is to be on our guard."

"Speak for yourself, please. We must part-at once."

" But why?

She turned upon him triumphantly.

"Your question is itself the answer. As long as you would rather not part from me, that in itself is enough to prove that we ought to. Isn't it?"

"That's so. I hadn't thought of that."

There was a long silence as they made their way back to the hotel. There seemed, indeed, nothing else to say. It was all too obvious.

He caught glimpses of her all that afternoon and evening, but that was all. She purposely avoided him, and, somehow, he seemed to feel that it would be wrong to intrude upon her.

The next morning, however, his mind was made up. He resolved to act.

He looked for her everywhere, but he could not find her.

Finally he inquired at the desk.

And then he learned, to his dismay, that she had taken the 8:30 train to town. She had left no address. That was, however, an easy matter.

He followed on the 2 o'clock train. He rushed to his club. In the blue book there was a list of names like hers. He got a cab and began at one end of it.

His third call was successful.

The maid took his card upstairs in silence.

He waited some time. Then there was the rustle of a skirt. "Well, sir, you have found me out. Why did you come?"

"I came to tell you that you were wrong."

"In what way?

"You inferred that there was danger of my falling in love with you. That is not true. A day away from you shows me that I am not a little in love with you, but a great deal, indeed-that I cannot live without you."

"You really love me?"

"I adore you."

"But your reasoning of yesterday?"

"Amounts to nothing. As if reason ever did, compared with love. Dearest, I have forgotten everything else, except this one fact-that you are necessary for me-that I must have you."

He came over and drew her to him. He put his arms around her.

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Tell me, dearest," he said, "that you will be mine." tossed her head.

"Only on one condition," she said. "That you take back that horrid thing you said about me yesterday.

"What was that?"

"Why, that I was in love with you." Her head sank on his shoulder. "For you know it wasn't true!"

My Dog

THE curate thinks you have no soul; I know that he has none. But you Dear friend! whose solemn self-control In our four-square, familiar pew,

Was pattern to my youth-whose bark Called me in summer dawns to rove-Have you gone down into the dark Where none is welcome, none may love?

I will not think those good brown eyes Have spent their light of truth so soon; But in some canine Paradise Your wraith, I know, rebukes the moon,

And quarters every plain and hill, Seeking its master. * * * As for me, This prayer at least the gods fulfill: That when I pass the flood, and see

Old Charon by the Stygian coast Take toll of all the shades who land, Your little, faithful, barking ghost May leap to lick my phantom hand.

-Outlook.

"The Smiths"

TOHN SMITH-plain John Smith-is not very high-sounding; it does not suggest aristocracy; it is not the name of any hero in die-away novels; and yet it is good, strong and honest. Transferred to other languages it seems to climb the ladder of respectability. Thus in Latin it is Johannes Smithus; the Italian smooths it off into Giovanni Smithi; the Spaniards render it Juan Smithus; the Dutchman adopts it as Hans Schmidt: the French flatten it out into Jean Smeet; and the Russian sneezes and barks Jonloff Smittowski. When John Smith gets into the tea trade in Canton he becomes Jovan Shimmit; if he clambers about Mount Hecla, the Icelanders say he is Jahne Smithson; if he trades among the Tuscaroras he becomes Ton Qa Smittia; in Poland he is known as Ivan Schmittiweiski; should he wander among the Welsh mountains, they talk of Jihon Schmidd; when he goes to Mexico he is booked as Jontli F'Smitti; if of classic turn he lingers among Greek ruins, he turns to 'Ion Smikton; and in Turkey he is utterly disguised as Yoe Seef .- Phrenological Journal.

Gentle Reproof

HENRY B. STANFORD, for several years the leading man with Sir Henry Irving's company, tells this good story of the famous actor: "Sir Henry's wit was of an almost Voltairian character. Once while I was rehearsing 'Faust' with him at the Lyceum Theatre in London-we were doing the Brockin scene and he had occasion to reprove an army of exuberant supers-he stopped the rehearsal and all was silence. Then, in that quiet, grim way of his, he said: 'Very charming-but you must remember that you are in hell-not picnicking on Hampstead Heath." "-Rochester Her-

A Brief Introduction

"I ONG introductions when a man has a speech to make L are a bore," says former Senator John C. Spooner. "I have had all kinds, but the most satisfactory one in my career was that of a German Mayor of a small town in my State, Wisconsin.

"I was to make a political address, and the opera house was crowded. When it came time to begin, the Mayor got up. Mine friends,' he said, 'I haf asked been to introduce Senator Spooner, who is to make a speech, yes. Vell, I haf dit so, und he vill now do so.' "-Literary Digest.





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THE PRESIDENT AND THE PLUMBER

with his children, President Roosevelt becomes, for

the time being, a prank-playing, big boy. Moreover,

he can enjoy a joke turned against himself. Once,

while visiting his sister, Mr. Roosevelt entered the

room after every one else was at the luncheon table.

"I have just played a mad prank on the plumber,"

he declared. Then he related how he had gone to the bath-room to wash his hands, when he heard

what seemed to be stealthy footsteps coming down

the hall. The boys had played a number of jokes on

him, and he immediately surmised that they were

about to spring a new one. He sopped a wash-rag

in water, then, with the dripping cloth in his hand, he waited the attack. The steps came nearer, and nearer, then stopped, and some one tried to open the door, which the President was holding shut.

Suddenly he threw the door wide open, simultaneously swinging the wet cloth over his head and shouting gleefully, "I've got you now!" The wash-rag landed,

not on the head of one of the boys, as he had an-

ticipated, but square across the face of a startled plumber who had come to repair a defective pipe. It

is hard to say who was more surprised, the President

or the plumber. Mr. Roosevelt apologized profusely,

explained the circumstances, and then descended to

the dining-room, shaking with laughter.-Lippincott's.

"I AM tired of seeing that everlasting mackerel

brought in for breakfast," grumbled a boarder, "and

doubted his courage. The matter was under dis-cussion when the landlady appeared. "Miss Pru-nella," began the bold boarder, "I was about to say in regard to the mackerel that we desire a change."

"It's good mackerel," responded the landlady, grimly,

"and there will be no change." "Then for heaven's

resumed the bold boarder, "order the girl to

I intend to speak to the landlady about it." of his fellow-victims applauded, but most of them

bring it in tail first for a while."-Argonaut.

He was laughing heartily.

When he throws off the cares of office and romps

T.SCISSORS

One of our popular New England lecturers tells this old but always amusing story.

A street boy of diminutive stature was trying to sell some very young kittens to passers-by. One day he accosted the late Rev. Phillips Brooks, asking him to purchase, and recommending them as good Episcopal kittens. Dr. Brooks laughingly refused,



thinking them too small to be taken from their A few days later a Presbyterian minister who had witnessed this episode was asked by the same boy to buy the same kittens. This time the lad announced that they were faithful Presbyterians.

"Didn't you tell Dr. Brooks last week that they

were Episcopal kittens?" the minister asked sternly, "Yes sir," replied the boy quickly, "but they's had their eyes opened since then, sir."-Everybody's Magazine.

NOT ENCOURAGING

Young Howard: Is Miss Smith in? WAITRESS: Yes, sir.

Young Howard: Can I see her?

WAITRESS: Yes. Go round to the side of the house an' peek through the blinds and you can see her in there with Mr. Bartow .- Harper's Bazar.

AN ANALOGY

In the late financial stringency a clerk in one of the New York banks was trying to explain to a stolid old Dutchman why the bank could not pay cash to depositors as formerly, and was insisting that he be satisfied with Clearing House checks. But the old man could not grasp the situation, and finally the president of the bank was called upon to enlighten the dissatisfied customer. After a detailed explanation of the financial situation the president concluded, Now, my good man, you understand, don't you?

dubiously replied the Dutchman, I understand. It's just like this; ven my baby vakes up in der night and cries for milk, I give her a milk ticket."-Harper's Weekly.

TEACHING OF EXPERIENCE

Dr. Ethelbert Gilbert, of Duluth, is willing in marriage ceremonies to omit, whenever requested to, the obnoxious "to obey."

One of Dr. Gilbert's parishioners took him to task

about this matter the other day.
"What right have you," he said, "to tamper with the marriage ceremony?"

Dr. Gilbert, not at all perturbed, laughed easily. "Oh, well," he said, "that 'obey' is a dead letter anyway. The very best woman in the world promised to obey me eighteen years ago, but she hasn't to this day."-Kansas City Journal.

IF Yale bestows the suggested mark of her favor on Mr. Morgan, Harvard may find E. H. Harriman and her own alumnus, August Belmont, in a receptive mood. J. J. Hill and Thomas Fortune Ryan could wear the college toga with becoming grace. But if the fashion grows and chairmen of the board begin to acquire honorary degrees as they have hitherto acquired railroads, future editions of "Who's Who" will be diversified by such entries as "E. H. Harriman, U.P., S.P., I.C., O.S.L., LL.D., M.A., etc."-New York World.

"NATURE makes nothing in vain," said the philoso-

pher.
"Perhaps," answered Colonel Stilwell. "Though I can't quite explain the presence of a great big beautiful mint bed in a local option county."-The

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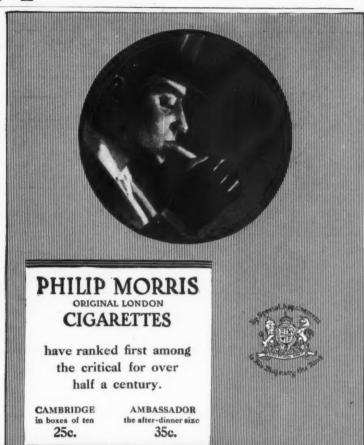
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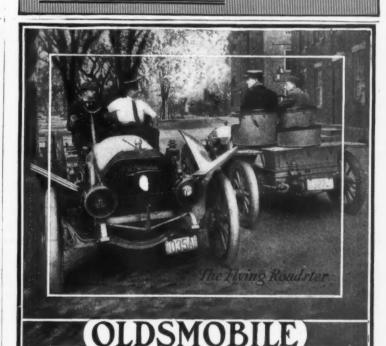
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RIP VAN WINKLE

Rip Van Winkle returned from his long sleep looking fresh as a daisy, and made his way to the village barber shop, not only because he needed a hair-cut and shave, but also because he wished to catch up on the news.

"Let's see," said he to the barber, after he was safely tucked in the chair, "I've been asleep twenty years, haven't I?"

"Yep," replied the tonsorialist.

"Have I missed much?

"Nope, we bin standin' pat."

"Has Congress done anything yet?"

"Not a thing."

"Jerome done anything?"

"Nope."

" Platt resigned?"

" Nope.

" Panama Canal built?"

" Nope."

"Bryan been elected?"

" Nope." "Carnegie poor?"

" Nope.

"Well, say," said Rip, rising up in the chair, never mind shaving the other side of my face. I'm going back to sleep again."-Success.

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AN AMBIGUITY

The English Winston Churchill's reputation for wit is well known, and on one occasion he made a neat little joke at the expense of a self-opinionated army officer. The incident occurred during a dinner in South Africa, and Mr. Churchill and the officer were seated side by side. Throughout the meal the latter was airing his views, until at last Churchill could stand it no longer. "Do you know," he said quietly, "I met a man to-day who would gladly forfeit £50 for the pleasure of being able to kick you!"
"To kick me, sir!" exclaimed the astonished

"I must ask you to tell me his name at soldier. once!

"Oh," replied Winston, "I'm not quite sure that I ought to do that.'

"But I insist on knowing," demanded the other, angrily.

Well, then, I suppose I must tell you. It was a poor young fellow in the hospital who has lost both his legs by the bursting of a shell."-Cleveland

STILL SUSCEPTIBLE

.He was a nervous, fidgety young man, and he looked with considerable apprehension at the woman next him, who held a baby, its face covered with a thick veil. The baby gave now and then a sharp cry, which the woman evidently tried to suppress.

At last, after many anxious glances, the young

"Has-has that baby any-anything contagious?" he asked.

The woman looked at him with a mixture of scorn and pity.

"'Twouldn't be for most folks," she said, in a clear, carrying tone, "but maybe 'twould for you. He's teething."—Youth's Companion.

Eve: What are you thinking about, Adam?

ADAM: I was thinking that, no matter what kind of a record we make we can't charge much to heredity. -The News.

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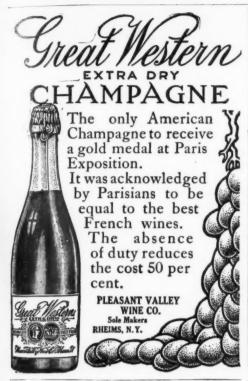
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Boom the big family, smash the spelling book, And to his lair.

Deep in his mountain fastnesses and wilds, Pursue the bear:

With righteous wrath sweep down, annihilate The men of stealth, Those crafty rascals, "malefactors of

Great wealth."

Fine all "the predatory trusts" until They're off the map;

If there's a "scrap" in progress straightway get

Is "something doing" anywhere between Tacoma and Cos Cob? Get there with both feet in a jiffy and You boss the job.

That is, you know, what Theodore would do, With purpose grim, And you, the heir of all his works and ways, Must act like him.

Should any dare to contradict you, then, With wrath, surprise,

Roar him down and tell the caitiff base, He lies! he lies!

Be photographed on slightest provocation And keep before us The fact that you're the manager, the cast, The orchestra, the ballet, and the chorus.

For little things like pestilence and war And monetary panics we are ready; But Heaven help us if we're not to get Through William Taft another reign of Teddy!

HIS EPITAPH

Secretary Cortelyou was elaborating his recent epigram, "Politics are a duty." With a smile he said: I don't mean by politics spoil hunting and office seeking. Politics is a good and honorable word. It is a shame to have degraded it. We should try to uplift it again to its right place."

He paused, then went on: "We don't want the word 'politics' to evoke the

picture of such a man as Hilary Harkness "Hilary Harkness was a politician of the lowest type, and unsuccessful at that. His whole life was devoted to office seeking; he spent thirty-seven years vainly seeking a \$5000 office-hours 10 till 2-while his wife and daughter supported him by keeping a candy shop.

"Well, Hilary died at last. A modest shaft was put above his remains, and the executor asked the editor to suggest an epitaph to go upon the shaft.

"The editor thought a moment. Then he smiled, and slipping a sheet of paper in his typewriter, he

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It was the busy hour of four When from a city hardware store Emerged a gentleman who bore 6 screens, 50 feet of garden hose, 1 rake, 1 wheelbarrow.

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This gentleman with air distraught A big department shop then sought And there invested in or bought 40 yards mosquito netting, 1 hammock, 1 croquet set.

His business next our hero leads Unto a place which retails seeds. It takes to satisfy his needs 24 packages assorted annuals, 10 rose bushes, 1 peck mixed bulbs.

The sun was low behind a hill
When he got to Lonelyville.
And then his wife in accents shrill
Pointed out that he'd forgotten
the sprinkling can, the pruning
shears and the lawnmower!

—Louisville Courier-Journal,

TO A COMPLAINING POET

O poet, thou that grievest for the lacking of a theme, The dearth of newer songs to sing and newer dreams to dream.

For melody of motor and for sonnetry of steam.

"No songs to sing, no songs to sing, no poems yet undone

On trees and flowers, birds and bees, and moon and stars and sun

And War and Peace and Life and Love-trite subjects, everyone."

Ah, sing the locomotive and the powder magazine!
Go balladize the thresher and the harvesting machine!
For that a thousand gone before have said that fields
were green.

Nay, poet, take the time-old themes and cease mechanic prose.

Sing Love that lives and Life that loves and sing the grass that grows.

A million bards a million years cannot exhaust the rose!—Appleton's.

A LOTTERY FOR DOLLY

Margie was industriously sewing for her doll, when she suddenly stopped work and turned to her mother. "Oh, mama, what do you think?" she exclaimed. "What is the trouble, dearie?" asked the mother. "I started to make my doll a bonnet," explained Margie, "and I do believe it's going to come out an apron!"—Woman's Home Companion.

IT DIDN'T COME NATURAL

A Russian monjik sat in the anteroom of the military commission of his town with an anxious frown on his face. A friend approached and said:

"What is the matter, Piotr?"

"I am worried." Piotr answered, "about my son. I don't know what to say when the commissioner asks me about his age. You see, if I make him out younger than he is he will be sent back to school, and if I make him out older they'll stick him in the army. What the deuce am I to do?"

"How would it do if you told the commissioner his exact age?"

Piotr slapped his leg and laughed delightedly.
"The very thing!" he cried. "I never thought of that."—Scrap Book.

A DIPLOMAT IF NOT A LINGUIST

A breezy and enterprising Western politician applied to the Secretary of State for a consularship at one of the Chinese ports.

"You may not be aware, Mr. Blank," said the Secretary, "that I never recommend to the President the appointment of a consul unless he speaks the language of the country to which he desires to go. Now I suppose you do not speak Chinese."

The Westerner grinned cheerfully. "If, Mr. Serretary," said he, "you will ask me a question in Chinese, I shall be happy to answer it."

He got the appointment.-Harper's Magazine.





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IN THE LEGAL OVEN

In the days when Joseph Hodges Choate was a lawyer-which, of course, implies the days before he became a Peace Commissioner-a certain New York reporter, who is now reporting no more unless they run some sort of celestial gazette in Heaven, had to go to see him about a piece of news. It was a warm day in early June, but Mr. Choate had a big fire burning in the grate in his inner office.

As the interview was ending, the lawyer noticed his visitor's discomfort.

"Do you think it is warm here?" he inquired in

mild surprise.
"Warm?" echoed the reporter, who had got his news and could now afford to be truthful. "It's as hot as an oven!"

"Indeed!" said Mr. Choate. "But then," he added, "it ought to be as hot as an oven, for, you see, I make my bread here."-Saturday Evening Post.

An ambitious politician who has at various times been a candidate for public office has a son, a lad of eight, who, meditating upon the uncertainties of kingly existence, at last asked his mother:

"If the King of England should die, who would be King?

"The Prince of Wales."

"And if he should die, who would be King?"

His mother turned the question off in some way. when the boy, with a deep breath, said:

"Well, anyway, I hope pa won't try for it."-Harper's Magazine.

HE KEPT THE SECRET

When the teacher was absent from the schoolroom Willie Jones wrote on the blackboard:

"Willie Jones can hug the girls better than any boy in school."

"William, did you write that?" asked the teacher upon her return.

'Yes, ma'am."

"Well, you may stay after school as punishment."
"Got a licking, didn't you?" asked one boy when

Willie came out. " None."

"Got jawed?" asked another.

" Nope.

"What did she do?"

"Shan't tell, but it pays to advertise."-The Scrap Rook

KEPT BUT NOT USED

GEORGE KAYES, clerk at the Fairmont, who is English but is ambitious to outgrow it, was discussing the endurance contest in Judge Lawlor's court. "Of course, I know you got your jury system from England," he said, "and so I suppose I ought not to criticise it. But this is a country of progress and you ought to try to make some improvements."
"Suggest one," interposed Attorney-General Lauck,

who was passing.

"Well, you might allow more leeway in the matter of having opinions. Now, if I were a talesman I should not consider it a bar to jury service if I had an opinion. I could lay it aside while the trial was 011.

"And what would you do with the opinion while it was laid aside?"

"I would keep it."-San Francisco Chronicle.

THE PUNISHMENT FITS THE CRIME

A new consignment of punsters and professional jokers had just been brought before His Satanic Majesty to receive sentence.

"And what shall their punishment be, sire?" asked the Hades executioner.

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